

Big Rapids Area Amateur Radio Club

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Presidents Note

I want to start off this month by thanking everyone in the club for a most interesting year as president. Also, thanks to the club officers and board

members. At the September meeting we will be electing new officers for 2009-2010. If you are interested in being a club officer contact Don ,WA4fFRJ or Gary, WB8WIA.

Don't forget the club breakfast at Sharon's in Rogers Heights and also check into the club nets on Tuesday and Sunday nights.

73

Jim Orłowski, N8PUG

BRAARC August 6th, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Called to Order at 7:05 p.m.

Guests: Jeff Mossel/Leadership Mecosta
Mark Hahn (N8WFX) here for the summer

Speaker: Jeff Mossel

- 5K Run and Adventure Challenge, September 5th, 2009. 9-Noon

- Needs club for communications
- Motion & second to support carried
- Jeff Sell (K8OE) to head up committee
- Volunteers:
 - Gary (WB8WIA)
 - Bob (WB8YPG)
 - Jim (N8PUG)
 - Jim (W4UIH)

Net control sheets passed around
Ham Bucks passed out

Announcements:

Don WA4FRJ winner of breakfast for June

Reports:

Secretary: KD8IAL, accepted

Treasurer: accepted

Field Day Report: Mike KD8DIB, final score about 1350

Final comments on field day: Great turnout!!

Old/New Business

Repeater comments: N8PUG, stated that the radio equipment belongs to the club. The repeater & trustee need to communicate better. Repeater needs to be updated. Jim

N8PUG will look into what other clubs are doing.

Comments by Don WA4FRJ: Don feels we should possibly find a new site for 2 meter repeater. The road needs work. Motion to have Mike KD8DIB investigate working with a contractor and willing to spend up to \$250 on road maintenance.

Nominations committee is Don WA4FRJ & Gary WB8WIA for club election of officers.

Nominations:

- Pres.: Mike KD8DIB
- V-P.: Shila KD8IAL, Bill N8MZB
- Tres.: Val KD8IAM
- Sec.: None

Discussion about scheduling another ham in a day class and also if there is interest in a follow up class....In depth discussion to be held next month.

Jim W4UIH to contact Crankers for Celebrity Serve.

Motion to reissue check that was returned by Havenstein Parkinsons Center, approved.

Motion to put Val Antor KD8IAM as signature to checking account, approved.

Program: Bob WB8YPG did presentation on M.A.R.S. (Military Affiliate Radio System)

Wrap Up Items:

- Articles to Phil before the 23rd of August
- Next meeting date, September 3, 2009
- Next club breakfast, August 29, 2009, 9:00 AM
- Treats for September: Mike KD8DIB & Patricia KD8GGD
- 50/50 Drawing: Don WA4FRJ, winner
- Jim N8PUG winner for July Breakfast
- Adjourn: 8:55 PM



LM5K and BBW Event – Sept 5

Thank you for volunteering to work this event. If you are unable to participate, please let me know.

I have been trying to get information on this event - here is what I know so far:

1. The Big Bad Wolf Adventure (BBW) starts at 9am from the North End Park. First is the run/walk which goes up the Riverwalk and then comes back to North End. Participants then get on their bikes and ride to Paris Park where they then get in the canoes and race down to the Middle School.
2. The 5 k run/race starts at 10 am from the Middle School. and ends there also.

3. I do not yet have a map but hope to get that this week and we will post it on the BRAARC web site.
4. Jim Orłowski has agreed to be Net Control for this event- thank you Jim. His location is under study.
5. We will probably need about 10 or more volunteers and will use 5 or 6 on covering the canoe race. The others will be assigned to cover the other events.
6. We are looking at the best place to locate our volunteers and are not done with that yet. Finding places with public access to the river is probably our biggest challenge currently. Assignments will be discussed at the BRAARC meeting on Thurs Sept 3. Let me know if you will not be able to attend this meeting. Let me know if you have a preference such as Paris Park or North End Park etc.
7. We will use the 2 m repeater at 146.74 (negative offset and no subaudible tone).

Safety

There are lots of questions on the test about operating safely and being safe when working on antennas. My advice when answering these questions is to always choose the most conservative answer. The two exceptions are when asked what is the lowest voltage and current that can hurt you. For these questions, the correct answer is the second lowest choices.

Emergencies

There are lots of questions about what to do in emergencies. There are two things to keep in mind when answering these questions:

- * You should do whatever you can to help someone who is in an emergency situation.

- * You can even break the rules to help someone in an emergency situation. This includes operating on frequencies you are normally not allowed to operate on and communicating with other stations in other radio services.

Miscellaneous Tips

Here are a couple of other miscellaneous tips:

- * The answer is 'D.' If one of the answers to a question is, "D. All of these answers are correct," chances are that is the correct answer. There are 18 questions with this option, and of those 18 questions, there are only two questions--T3B06 and T5B03--where that is not the correct answer.

- * Long-Answer Rule. Where one answer is a lot longer than the other options, chances are that this is the correct answer. I haven't done an exhaustive study of this, but when one answer is very long, take a good, hard look at it.

That's all I have. Good luck on the test!

When not helping people pass the Tech test and become good amateur radio operators, Dan likes to work CW on the HF bands and collect QSL cards from stations whose call signs spell words. To see what else he's up to, go to www.kb6nu.com



**DON'T FORGET BREAKFAST
AT SHARON'S SATURDAY, AUG 29
AT 9AM. THERE IS A GREAT
BREAKFAST BUFFET!! AND THE
PRICE IS RIGHT. JOIN US!!!**



HERE ARE A COUPLE PICTURES FROM THE JULY 4 AIRFEST
THESE WERE INADVERTENTLY LEFT OUT OF THE AUGUST
NEWSLETTER.



Thank you Don, WA4FRJ, for the pictures.



The KB6NU article will double as the Tech Corner for this issue. Due to the editors delay there is no solution to the Brain Teaser in this issue – my apologies.

KEEP WATCH FOR FUTURE REFERENCES TO A POSSIBLE CELEBRITY SERVE. ALTERNATE LOCATIONS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED.

